

Subj: **Mark Hoffman**
Date: 12/23/2002 11:27:39 AM Central Standard Time
From: [EricNumis](#)
To: [REDACTED]

Happy holidays to you Wayne. In your weekly bulletin you mentioned my name as initiating your interest in the great forger and convicted murderer Hoffman. Would you be nice enough to tell me the easiest way to order the new book by Simon Worrall entitled THE POET AND THE MURDERER. I think I have all the prior books on the matter.

I wrote a one page article on the "Fake Coin Club of America" which was published in the November 2002 The Numismatist and originally read at the 2002 PNG Bash. I wonder if you would like to comment on it in your bulletin when you need a filler. Was it comical or did I step on too many toes? Maybe we ought to have fake numismatic books with covers and titles but no content. That would help educate those involved in fake coins and paper money.

From a steady reader of your weekly bulletins, Eric

Subj: **Relatively speaking**
Date: 3/23/2011 4:42:32 P.M. Central Daylight Time
From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]

Dear Wayne:

I have read everything I can understand of what you publish. There seems to be no subject matter you do not include. Today I received a message in Spanish from Gabriel Gallegos Grunauer concerning Linkedin Corporation. You are the first named person pictured on that message. This man I think is one of the 500 or more people I am related to in Ecuador. In about 1870 my great uncle Samuel Hermann Grunauer who had come from Germany to Cincinnati went to Lima, Peru on business and fell in love with a señorita there. They got married. My wife and I visited several hundred of their descendants in Guayaquil, Ecuador a few decades ago. I believe some of the family was in the foreign exchange business. Most of the early family operated sugar plantations. They had and have many prominent and accomplished members in many activities. Some sent me some Aztec spade money long ago. Please tell me what is going on.

Eric 314 727 0850

Subj: **Re: Charlotte Mint**
 Date: 10/14/2011 12:21:22 P.M. Central Daylight Time
 From:
 To:

Dear Wayne::

Let me find and look at the North Carolina book first before any publicity as I would have a better understanding of what is in it. I have no objection to your making a comment about your stimulating its appearance after I refresh my memory. I want you to be first. My best Eric

In a message dated 10/13/2011 8:03:34 P.M. Central Daylight Time, whomren@gmail.com writes:

Eric:

It's great to hear from you. I wasn't aware of the existence of this book. What an interesting item! Should you come across it in your vaults I'd be curious to learn more about it. Would you mind if I publish part of your note about it in the next E-Sylum? It's great just to know this exists.

Thanks. -Wayne

From: [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: Thursday, October 13, 2011 2:39 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Charlotte Mint

Dear Wayne:

Your comment in your October 8, 2011 ESylum on the interest of others in historical writings about the US Branch Mint at Charlotte has made me think about digging out of one of our bank vaults the Record Book of the Superintendent of the Charlotte Mint which I have had for ages among my unusual books I had forgotten all about it for many decades.

As I remember It I think it is a smallish thick bound volume, full of printed and handwritten, pasted-in or written in published laws, rules, procedures, hand written data, fineness testing results, charts, employees, clippings on related matters, etc..I think it has a folded insert of Bechtler gold fineness measurements. I remember that my friend Mr. Walsh at Goodspeeds Book Shop in Boston notified me that I should buy it and would enjoy it more than any other customer. What a sales pitch!

I believe it has not been publicized previously but at least I am too old to remember it.

Tell me what you think might be of interest to your readers and after thinking about consulting others please guide me. Naturally this is not a sales pitch.

My best to you.

Eric.

Subj: RE: FW: Albany Church Penny, 1790
 Date: 9/6/2012 9:06:33 P.M. Central Daylight Time
 From: [REDACTED]
 To: [REDACTED]
 Eric:

Here are the E-Sylum articles mentioning the penny:

ALBANY CHURCH PENNY RESEARCH FOLLOWUP
http://www.coinbooks.org/esylum_v10n02a18.html

ALBANY CHURCH PENNY INFORMATION SOUGHT: CAPITAL D FOR PENCE?
http://www.coinbooks.org/esylum_v10n03a13.html

UPDATE ON NEWMAN'S ALBANY CHURCH PENNY RESEARCH
http://www.coinbooks.org/esylum_v10n08a13.html

Here's some text from the first article mentioning other references:

article by Howard R. Kurth in the April 1944 issue of The Numismatic Scrapbook Magazine (p284-9). The article was based on a presentation to the Albany Numismatic Society and cites an 1850 work by Joel Munsell titled 'The Annals of Albany', where it is recorded that "on the 4th of January 1790 the Trustees of the First Presbyterian Church resolved that one thousand coppers be stamped 'Church Penny' and placed in the hands of the treasurer, for the purpose of exchanging with the congregation at the rate of twelve for one shilling, in order to add respect to the weekly collections." The circulating coinage of the day in Albany consisted primarily of "coins from other states, bungtown tokens, and old British halfpennies mostly worn smooth or counterfeit."

The Kurth article references several Numismatist articles of 1936 and 1939, and discusses the specimens owned by leading collectors including Mickley and Bushnell. The Numismatic Indexes Project (NIP), where I located the Scrapbook article reference, also lists a number of related articles in The Colonial Newsletter.

Here are the listings in Colonial Newsletter:

ALBANY CHURCH PENNY Unknown 'D' Albany Church Penny
 CNL Vol.1, Issue#1, Serial#1 1960 OCT 5

(Francis, Mrs. John R.) Comment on Albany Church Penny
 CNL Vol.2, Issue#1, Serial#2 1961 JAN 7

CNL ILLUSTRATIONS ALBANY CHURCH PENNY; Albany Church Penny
 CNL Vol#1; Issue#1; Serial#1 1960 OCT 5

Dave Bowers and Will Nipper have some info on the penny in their recent books, but they don't appear to add any new information about them. I'm curious to learn what you've found, what's so funny, and what the connection to printing is. If you don't mind I'll quote you as follows in the next E-Sylum:

Eric Newman writes:

"About three or four years ago I was writing an article on the Albany Church Penny after finding something new and fascinating. I am fully familiar with the various varieties of paper Church money as detailed in my Early Paper Money of America book.

The Albany Church Penny has a comical twist as well and also has a contribution to the history of printing."

Thanks. -Wayne

From: [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]]

Sent: Thursday, September 06, 2012 4:27 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: FW: Albany Church Penny, 1790

Dear Wayne:

I am delighted with the inquiry about the Albany Church Penny and look forward to receiving the church's organization image from you. .

About three or four years ago I was writing an article on the Albany Church Penny after finding something new and fascinating. I have been looking for my file at my home but cannot find it. I will now put my team here on another search. I remember some of what is in the file if it cannot be found. I am fully familiar with the various varieties of paper Church money as detailed in my Early Paper Money of America. Would you be kind enough to send me copies or references to what has been previously written by others and perhaps by me (excluding my above book) as that will reconstruct my thinking. The Albany Church Penny has a comical twist as well and also has a contribution to the history of printing.

I wish I could go back to school as your kids are doing.

My best Eric

In a message dated 9/5/2012 8:47:23 P.M. Central Daylight Time, [REDACTED] writes:

Eric:

I recall from some of your earlier E-Sylum writings that you've been doing some research on the Albany Church penny. This email arrived today and I wanted to pass it on to you for comment. I've asked for a photo of their penny, and he's going to send me one. I'll forward it when I get it.

I hope all is well with you and Evelyn. Our kids are back in school and we're all back in a regular fall schedule. Take care.

Thanks. -Wayne

From: Richard Gascoyne [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, September 05, 2012 2:44 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Albany Church Penny, 1790

Dear Mr. Homren,

First Presbyterian Church, Albany, NY has for many years had one "Church Penny" (1790)